

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Rewrite the only paragraph of page 16 as follows:

Referring now to Figure 6, an exemplary application of the apparatus of the invention is shown in conjunction with the Transwitch Phast™-12 SONET OC-12 uplink interface as well as other network interfaces. As shown in Figure 6, two Phast™-3P SONET OC-3 uplink interfaces 202, 204 are coupled to a UTOPIA bus 206. The interface 202 is coupled to a first SONET OC-12 network 208 and the interface 204 is coupled to a second SONET OC-12 network 210. A first CUBIT® device 100a according to the invention is coupled to the UTOPIA bus 206 and to a first bus 212 run according to a CellBus® frame (which is a repeating frame bus) as described in U.S. Patents 6,104,724 and 5,901,146, the complete disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference herein. A second CUBIT® device 100b according to the invention is coupled to the UTOPIA bus 206 and to a second bus 214. The first and second devices 100a, 100b of the invention are coupled to each other as described above with reference to Figure 3; one of them is designated the primary bus master; and the other is designated the secondary bus master. A third CUBIT® device 100c according to the invention is coupled to the first bus 212 and to a frame relay network 216 via a high level data link control 218. A fourth CUBIT® device 100d according to the invention is coupled to the second bus 214 and to an end user 220 via a digital subscriber line 222.